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SUBJECT: EC AGRICULTURAL NOTIFICATION

REF: A. STATE 58041 AND 57404; B. EC BRUSSELS 2504

1. SUMMARY. THE US-EC AG PROCEDURAL MESS WAS HANDLED IN LOW KEY FASHION BY BOTH SIDES AT INFORMAL 7 PLUS 7 MEETING. THE RECORD WILL HAVE TO BE REPLAYED IN GROUP AGRICULTURE ON MARCH 29 OR 30 AS EC UNWILLING TO HAVE SECRETARIAT INTERVENE TO HEAD OFF ANY MENTION OF THE TOPIC. END SUMMARY.

2. LUYTEN HANDLED SUBJECT FOR EC WITH JACQUOT AT HIS SIDE (PLUS MEMBER STATE REPS). IN BRIEF PRE-MEETING CONTACT, I DAVISED LUYTEN OF US PREFERRED WAY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM PER REFTEL A. HE SAID EC SILENCE NOT POSSIBLE EITHER AT TODAY'S 7 PLUS 7 OR IN GROUP AGRICULTURE BECAUSE, AS HE PUT IT, "UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE TEN BOSSED." HE PROMISED

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HAS INTERVENTION WOULD BE LOW KEY AND I ASSURED HIM MY RESPONSE WOULD BE AS WELL.

3. AFTER 7 PLUS 7 COMPLETED DISCUSSION OF STANDARDS (SEPTEL), LUYTEN MADE STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: CONCERNING POINT 2 ON AGENDA FOR GROUP AGRICULTURE NEXT WEEK, EC HAS CIRCULATED A NOTE ON THE MATTER; WE WISH TO FLAG IT NOW BECAUSE WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THE STRUCTURE

OF THE NEGOTIATIONS; AGRICULTURE IS DIFFERENT AND THE REALITIES OF AGRICULTURE MUST BE THE STARTING POINT; IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE DIFFERENT PROCEDURES FOR AGRICULTURE BE RESPECTED.

4. I REPLIED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: IT IS NO SECRET THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE OF VIEWS ON THIS MATTER; IT IS UNLIKELY TO BE RESOLVED TODAY OR IN GROUP AGRICULTURE NEXT WEEK; WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE POINT IN THE NOTE CIRCULATED BY THE EC BUT ALSO DO NOT RELISH PROSPECT OF ANOTHER PROCEDURAL DEBATE IN GROUP AGRICULTURE; WE FOR OUR PART WOULD PREFER TO SAY NOTHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE WE ARE MORE INTERESTED IN GETTING ON WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS; IF THERE HAS TO BE A DEBATE, WE HOPE IT WON'T GO BEYOND TWO MINUTES.

5. NONE OF THE DOZEN OR SO OTHER DELEGATIONS PRESENT SAID ANYTHING AND MEETING ADJOURNED.

6. SECRETARIAT (PATTERSON) IS OF COURSE ANXIOUS TO HELP HEAD OFF ANY EXTENSIVE DEBATE AND WILL INTERVENE IN GROUP AG ALONG LINE SUGGESTED PARA 2 REFTEL AFTER EC AND US SPEAK. LCULBERT

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